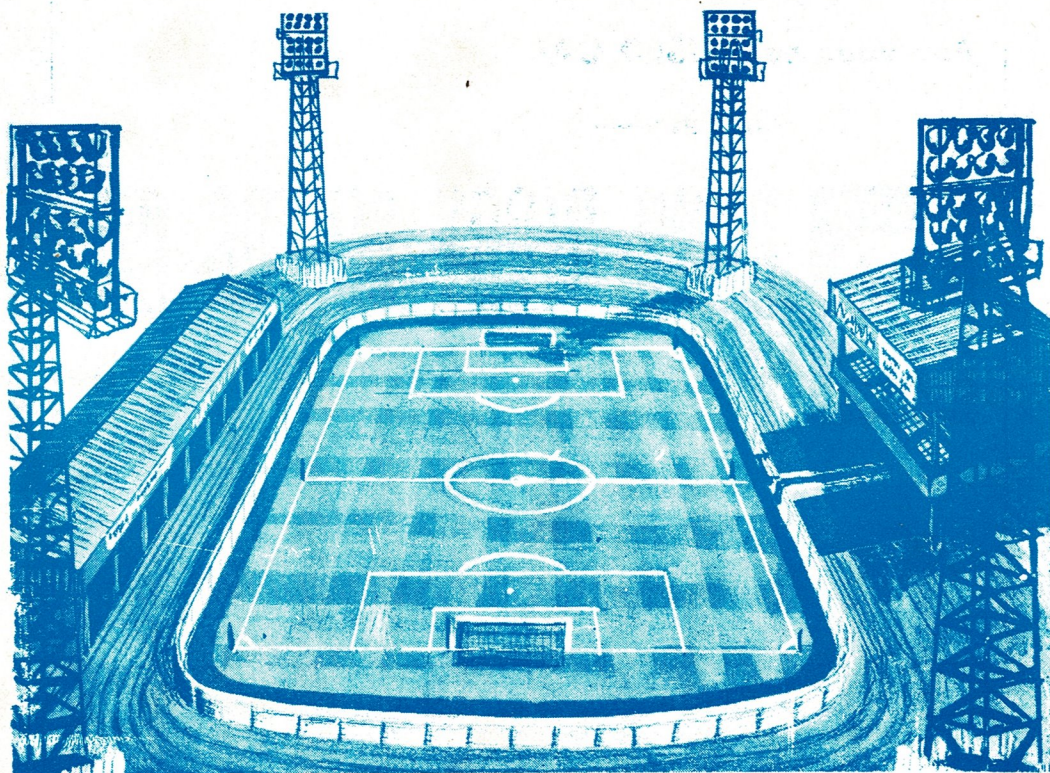


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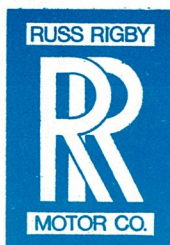
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Portsmouth Football and Athletic Club was floated as a Limited Company in 1898. Fratton Park, a very fine ground, was purchased for £4,950, and in 1899 a manager was engaged. He quickly obtained a good side and the Club was promptly admitted to the Southern League and entered the F.A. Cup.

During the first war, Portsmouth was an original member of the 3rd Division South in 1921. Six seasons only were needed to gain promotion to the 1st Division, and from 1927 to 1959 the Club retained its status.

It was after the second war that the Club made its mark in the League being successfully 12th, 8th and then Champions in 1949 and 1950.

Performances in the F.A. Cup are rather striking. The Club reached the

semi-final in 1949 and the final on three occasions: in 1929 they were beaten by Bolton, and in 1934 by Manchester City. In 1939 'Pompey' (the underdogs) confounded the prophets by beating Wolves 4-1 at Wembley. At that time their manager was Jack Tinn, a man noted for wearing spats. Some think Jack Tinn's spats worked the oracle — students of football, however, know that a revival of old-time attacking football won the day.

Jimmy Dickinson, M.B.E., is the Club's present manager. From 1949 to 1955 Jimmy was practically an ever-present in the England team and has over the past 25 years been a prominent, well respected man in football. He has had no other club in his career.

The record gate at Fratton Park is 51,385 against Derby Co. in the 1949 F. A. CUP. The highest gate this season, so far, is 13,962 — against Wigan Athletic in September.

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FROM THE MANAGERS DESK

Good afternoon, all.

Today we welcome 'Pompey' to Springfield Park for (we hope) our first home game of 1979.

Portsmouth are quite definitely one of the Fourth Division's top sides. Indeed one may wonder why on earth they are in the Fourth, as they are most decidedly a club with great traditions. I don't think they will stay down too long, all I can hope is that we can delay their rise slightly, by taking two points.

'Pompey' are managed by Jimmy Dickinson, one of the most respected footballers ever to grace the soccer fields of England.

Awards

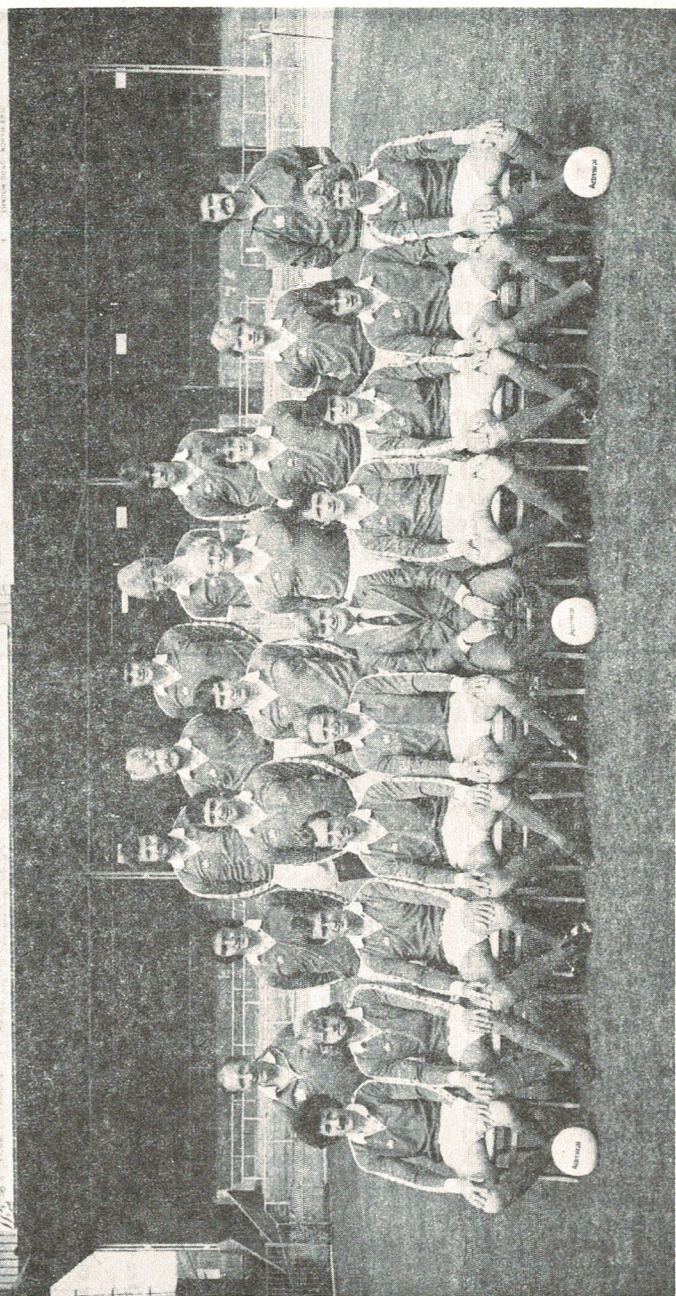
It is interesting to note that two of our players, namely Tommy Gore and Ian Purdie, are in the top ratings of the "People" National Awards Scheme. This is quite a feat in our first year, and I am sure the rest of the lads are not far behind.

The table's top ten are as follows:

Gore (Wigan)	7.46
Newton (Hartlepool)	7.44
Purdie (Wigan)	7.27
McCarthy (Barnsley)	7.25
Bowman (Reading)	7.21
Hughes (Hereford)	7.16
Waters (Grimsby)	7.16
Brookes (Hartlepool)	7.09
Randall (York)	7.08
Cork (Wimbledon)	7.00

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV

	Home							Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Portsmouth	24	9	2	1	22	3	5	2	5	21	20	32	
Wimbledon	22	9	1	1	23	12	4	5	2	16	14	32	
Aldershot	25	8	4	1	21	9	3	6	3	14	15	32	
Grimsby	25	9	2	2	34	13	4	2	6	13	14	30	
Reading	23	9	2	0	24	5	3	4	5	13	19	30	
Barnsley	21	6	2	2	22	10	5	5	1	13	6	29	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	23	8	0	3	18	11	3	4	5	9	12	26	
Newport	24	5	4	4	17	17	4	3	4	16	15	25	
Port Vale	25	4	6	3	19	18	5	1	6	18	20	25	
Stockport	24	8	2	3	21	9	1	4	6	14	21	24	
Torquay	22	7	1	2	16	7	3	2	7	10	20	23	
Hartlepool	22	4	6	2	18	13	3	3	4	7	16	23	
Hereford	22	5	5	1	18	11	3	1	7	13	16	22	
Scunthorpe	23	7	1	4	18	17	1	5	5	9	14	22	
Bradford C.	23	6	2	3	19	13	4	0	8	11	25	22	
Bournemouth	23	5	2	5	16	12	2	4	5	6	8	20	
Huddersfield	22	7	4	1	18	8	0	2	8	5	16	20	
Northampton	22	6	4	2	22	14	1	2	7	11	22	20	
York	21	4	3	3	11	11	4	1	6	9	18	20	
Darlington	24	3	5	3	13	10	3	2	8	15	28	10	
Doncaster	22	4	4	4	15	14	2	2	6	12	19	18	
Crewe Alex	22	2	3	5	12	18	2	5	5	9	20	16	
Rochdale	23	2	3	5	7	14	1	4	8	9	23	13	
Halifax	23	1	3	6	5	14	0	2	11	10	28	7	



PORTSMOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB 1978-79

Back Row (left to right): C. Garwood, J. McCaffrey, S. Foster, I. Gillespie, K. Viney.
 Middle Row: G. Neave (Trainer), J. Hemmerman, E. Hand, A. Knight, P. Mellor, P. Denyer, L. Barnard, F. Burrows (Coach).
 Front Row: P. Gilchrist, P. Ellis, S. Piper, S. Davey, J. McIlwraith, J. W. Dickinson (Manager), T. Taylor, J. Lathan, D. Pullar, B. Wilson.

PEN PICTURES OF PORTSMOUTH F.C.

LEIGH BARNARD (Forward)

Singed professional last year after coming through the Youth policy. Leigh's most memorable match was in the Collins Cup Final. His hobbies are reading and music, and he enjoys good food and discotheques but dislikes miserable people.
Birthday: 29th October.

STEVE DAVEY (Forward)

Joined Portsmouth from Hereford, prior to that he was with Plymouth Argyle. His most memorable match was in the semi-final of the League Cup against Manchester City. He thoroughly enjoys family life and makes his hobby out of house renovations.
Birthday: 5th September.

PETER DENYER (Defender-Midfield)

Performs equally well in midfield or as a central defender. Peter enjoys music, driving and good food, but dislikes long coach journeys.
Birthday: 26th November.

PETER ELLIS (Defender)

Peter is one of the products of the Youth Scheme and has worked his way successfully up into the First Team. Enjoys golf, good food and country walks, but dislikes coach trips. His most memorable match was in a friendly match against Manchester United in 1975-76.
Birthday: 20th March.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender)

Another example of the Youth Scheme, Steve, a local boy, has made a successful transition from centre-forward to centre-half. He enjoys good food, all sports and holidays, but does not like smoking. His favourite hobby is relaxing in a round of golf. Birthday: 24th September.

COLIN GARWOOD (Forward)

Colin signed for Portsmouth from Colchester United, with whom he had his most memorable match against Derby Co. in the F.A. Cup. He finds enjoyment in watching television and playing golf, but dislikes travelling of any kind.
Birthday: 29th June.

EOIN HAND (Defender)

Eoin rejoined the Club in 1977 after playing for a period in South Africa and Ireland, where his most remembered game was against France. Eoin does not enjoy coach travelling or Sunday afternoons, unless of course he is playing golf or has found a good book to read.
Birthday: 30th March.

JEFF HEMMERMAN (Forward)

Another signing during the close season, Jeff previously played for Hull City and Port Vale. His most memorable match was for Hull against Wolves when he scored the television 'Goal of the Month'. Jeff enjoys playing squash and golf, and he collects antiques.
Birthday: 25th February.

JOHN LATHAN (Midfield)

Signed for Portsmouth from Carlisle in a part-exchange deal for David Kemp. The match he played for Sunderland against Portsmouth is classed as his best remembered game. He enjoys playing golf and driving, but dislikes people who cheat.
Birthday: 12th April.

PETER MELLOR (Goalkeeper)

Peter's previous clubs were Manchester City, Fulham and Hereford Utd. His most memorable match was for Fulham against West Ham in the F.A. Cup Final. He enjoys family life and his hobbies include fishing and do-it-yourself.
Birthday: 20th November.

JAMES McILWRAITH (Forward)

Jim previously played for Motherwell and signed from Bury during the close season. His most memorable match was in the Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden. He enjoys his homelife, chips, and golf, and regards his hobbies as painting and decorating. Birthday: 17th April.

DAVID PULLAR (Forward)

Dave has also worked his way up from the Youth Scheme and is now a successful forward, able to play on either wing. Most memorable match was at Rotherham last season. He too enjoys steaks and driving, but dislikes watching football and travelling by coach. Dave's hobbies include athletics and snooker.
Birthday: 13th February.

KEITH VINEY (Full-back)

Keith came to the Club in 1974 as an apprentice and has successfully worked his way into the First Team. His debut against Fulham was his most memorable match. His hobbies include snooker and badminton, and he also enjoys driving—although Keith is another player who dislikes coach travel.
Birthday: 26th October.

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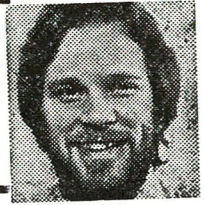
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LATICS LINE

by Nick Duxbury



REFEREES come in for a lot of criticism at the best of times, but even when games are off there is no escape for the fans 'Number One' target.

Wholesale postponements should mean a peaceful Saturday with his feet up for a referee, but he knows that while he may have side-stepped the wrath and pinpoint venom always directed from the terraces, the fans will still be questioning his parentage in various saloon bars.

Only a match day blizzard can quieten the mutterings of the disappointed. They have always seen a game played in worse conditions. The referee is simply an ass and so on.

Yet if the game is given the all-clear, the fans of the losing side have a ready-made excuse. The match should never have been played and the referee takes the rap.

Of course the referees sometimes find it's not only the fans who are after his head. Managers too can be just as outraged at the decision to

either play or call off the game.

But is there a way out of this "Catch 22". Some people advocate a winter break like the one operated on the Continent. It would certainly cut down the number of postponements, but that doesn't mean the idea is a good one.

The Football League is considered to be the most demanding soccer competition in the world and a large part of the "test" is the weather.

It's not enough for League Champions to be simply better footballers than the also rans, they have to do better than anyone else, no matter what the conditions.

A winter break would also make a big difference to the record books and comparisons with previous seasons would be worthless.

On top of that, how many fans could look forward to a football-less December and January. The 5-week lay off Latics have suffered has given an inkling of what it would be like and I for one would hate it.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Our last game on 9th January v. Port Vale, is the only game to have been played in 1979 by Wigan Athletic. Weather conditions, the worst for many years, have inevitably been the cause of numerous postponements throughout the country.

There has been absolutely nothing we could do about it. If the snow has been removed one day, it has fallen again within a few hours. The ground staff has done all in their power to save all the games which have been called off.

Fortunately, our Secretary has now arranged new dates for those

games postponed and we can only hope that the weather improves sufficiently to enable the fixtures to be played.

It is very difficult to make any interesting remarks when everything has become dormant. Conditions have affected everything apart from a couple of Board Meetings. Some of the Directors have not seen each other for weeks, but telephone conversations have kept them up to date with events and each and everyone has made efforts to visit the ground at least once a week.

Today I welcome the Chairman of Portsmouth and his Directors, Manager and team to Springfield Park. This is the first occasion that the southern club have played at Wigan. The hospitality shown towards us at Portsmouth was of the highest standard—we shall try to offer the same to them, and if the game proves to be as interesting as at Portsmouth, I am sure everybody will be satisfied whatever the result.

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LINE-UP

Wigan Athletic

- 1 John Brown
- 2 Kevin Smart
- 3 Joe Hinnigan
- 4 Tommy Gore
- 5 Noel Ward
- 6 Dave Fretwell
- 7 Frank Corrigan
- 8 Jeff Wright
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mickey Moore
- 11 Ian Purdie
- 12 Derek Brownbill

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(Doncaster)

Linesmen :
Mr. A. Robinson
(Radcliffe)
Red Flag

Mr. E. Hart
(Leyland)
Yellow Flag

FOR YOUR RECORD

Result :

Attendance :

Scorers :

Portsmouth

- 1 Peter Mellor
- 2 Peter Ellis
- 3 Keith Viney
- 4 Peter Denyer
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Steve Davey
- 7 Jeff Hemmerman
- 8 John Lathan
- 9 Colin Garwood
- 10 Jim McIlwraith
- 11 David Pullar
- 12 Leigh Barnard

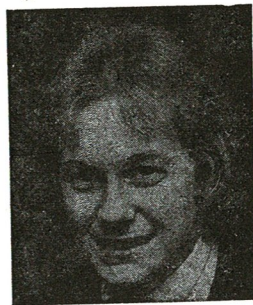
TODAY'S REFEREE

M. G. PECK (Doncaster). Started refereeing in 1965 and has progressed via the West Lancashire and Central Leagues to the Football League list. Lined the 1975 Scotland v. Northern Ireland Home International, and refereed the first-leg of the Challenge Trophy semi-final in 1977.

A married man, with two children, he is a Schoolmaster. Likes playing cricket and squash, also listening to all kinds of music. Former Secretary of the Lancaster-Morecambe Referees Society, and past Secretary (1972-76) of the Lancashire Referees Association.

OPINION

by Harold Ashurst



WIGAN'S barren period since Christmas has one very surprising feature. The team haven't moved an inch since December 30th, despite playing one match and being beaten at Port Vale.

Generally speaking matches played while Latics have been idle have gone in their favour with teams just below them being beaten.

So their seventh position in the League looks very rosy now with teams directly behind them having played one, two and even three games more.

A win today would certainly be a

feather in their caps as in my opinion they won't meet any better side in the Fourth Division all season.

The match at Fratton Park in September was a cracker with Latics being beaten by the only goal late on in the match.

The set up at Portsmouth, too, is certainly something to admire. If ever a club looked like a First Division outfit then it's 'Pompey', and there was a crowd of 14,000 to see the match that night, which, according to people down there, is just a fraction of what they would attract if they were in a higher league.

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16—

23—Bradford City Res. H 5-0

30—Liverpool 'A' A 1-2

October—

7—Rochdale Res. H 2-2

14—Rochdale Res. A 0-1

21—Carlisle Utd. Res. H 2-0

27—Stockport County 'A' A 8-0

November—

11—Tranmere R. Res. H 2-2

18—Crewe Alex 'A' A 3-3

25—Manchester City 'A' A 2-1

December—

2—Blackpool 'A' H

9—Port Vale Res. H 3-1

13—Macclesfield T. Res. H 5-1

16—Chester 'A' A

26—

30—Morecambe Res. A 5-0

1979

January— F-A

1—Oldham Ath. Res. H (Mn.)

6—Morecambe Res. H

13—Port Vale Res. A

20—Manchester City 'A' H

27—Macclesfield T. Res. A

February—

3—Bradford City Res. A

10—Crewe Alex Res. H

17—Manchester Utd. 'A' A

24—Oldham Ath. Res. A

March—

3—Carlisle Res. A

10—Stockport County 'A' H

17—Bolton Wanderers 'B' A

24—Bolton Wanderers 'B' H

31—Wrexham Res. A

April—

7—Manchester Utd. 'A' H

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